(a) whether Government contemplate according infrastructure industry status to residential areas, highways, link road connecting settlements and urban services with a view to accelerating economic activities; and

(b) if so, the criteria and procedure fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Area included/identified under NCR

880. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometres area from NCT Delhi has been included/identified as the area of NCR;

(b) whether the citizens of NCR are to be provided the same facilities being provided in NCT;

(c) whether the agriculturists/transporters and two and three wheelers shall be provided the facilities of CNG on the petrol pumps in the area of NCR;

(d) whether Government are pressing the agriculturists of NCR area to pay more for such clean HSD as the other diesel is not being made available; and

(e) if so, the reasons for discrimination and the steps being taken to compensate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The National Capital Region (NCR) covers a total area of 30,242 sq.km., comprising the (i) National Capital Territory of Delhi (1,483 sq.km.), (ii) parts of Haryana sub-region comprising Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Sonepat, Panipat, Jhajjar and Rewari districts (13,413 sq.km.), (iii) parts of Uttar Pradesh sub-region comprising Bulandshahr, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Gautambudh Nagar and Baghpat district (10,853 sq.km.) and (iv) Rajasthan sub-region comprising tehsils of Alwar, Behror, Ramgarh, Mandawar, Kishangarh Bas, Tijara and Kotkasim of district Alwar (4,493 sq.km.).

The NCR extends about 65 kms. towards north near Panipat (Haryana), 80 kms. in the east near Garmukteswar (U.P.), 150 kms. in the south near Alwar (Rajasthan) and 60 kms. in the west near Jhajjar (Haryana).

(b) The NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 envisages evolving harmonised policies for the control of land uses and development of infrastructure in the National Capital Region so as to avoid any haphazard development thereof. In order to achieve this objective the Regional Plan 2001 proposes policy of giving impetus to the Regional Centres through provision of adequate infrastructure and services.

(c) As reported by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, there is no proposal to set up stations outside the NCT of Delhi in addition to what is already existing. Currently, all CNG vehicles are taking CNG from the existing stations.

(d) and (e) The introduction of low sulphur in NCR of Delhi is as per direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to control pollution. The hike in price is a natural sequel to this as some further processing is involved for conversion of diesel with higher sulphur content to a quality with lower sulphur content. In the NCR there is no discrimination between the agriculturists and non-agriculturists in so far as the prices are concerned.

Allocation of Funds for MCD

881. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goverment have allocated funds to the tune of more than Rs. 100 crore for Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD);

(b) if so, the details of schemes submitted by the MCD to Government seeking such a huge amount;

(c) whether any amount out of Rs. 100 crore has been earmarked in the developmental work specially laying of new roads in South Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHIR BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been sanctioned in favour of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) for construction, improvement and strengthening of roads in Delhi to improve the urban